

Criminal Justice Information Systems Advisory Committee November 10, 2005

The Criminal Justice Information Systems Advisory Committee of the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice, met Thursday, November 10, 2005, at 9:30 a.m., in conference room LL-F of the Nebraska State Office Building, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Chair Michael Overton. The following members were **present**: Karen Harker and Bill Kirkland for Sarah O'Shea, NE Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Coalition; Melanie Koch for Michael Thurber, Lancaster County Corrections; Sherri Haber, HHSS Office of Protection and Safety; Bill Miller, Supreme Court; Michael Overton, NE Crime Commission; Ron Bowmaster, IDSP/NIDCAC; Joe Renteria, Jr. for Dennis Keefe, Lancaster County Public Defenders Office; Steve Schafer, DAS-IT Services Organization, for Brenda Decker, CIO; and Ron Riethmuller, Department of Corrections.

The following members were **absent**: Scott McFall, Nebraska State Patrol; Gregg Magee, Nebraska Sheriffs' Association; Barb Nielsen, State Court Administrators Office; Byron Patterson, Police Officers' Association of NE; Ed Ragatz, Lincoln Police Department; Lash Chaffin, League of NE Municipalities; Scot Ford, PCAN; Rachel Marden, NE Parole Board; Joe Franco, Omaha Police Department; Terry Lane, DOT Comm; Elaine Menzel, NE Association of County Officials; Lee Polikov, Sarpy County Attorney; Mary Tyner, NE Coalition for Victims of Crime; Marlene Vetick, Clerk of District Courts; Dave Wegner, NE Probation; and Steve Worster, Commission on Public Advocacy.

Also present were: Mike Behm, Corey Cashmere, Matthew Dicke and Barbara McCreight of the Nebraska Crime Commission.

Approval of Minutes

Motion

A motion was made by Harker and seconded by Schafer to approve the minutes of the Criminal Justice Information Systems Advisory Committee meeting of August 11, 2005. Motion passed unanimously by acclamation.

PROJECT UPDATES

JUSTICE

Bill Miller of the Supreme Court was welcomed to the committee. Miller stated that a report on JUSTICE will be presented at the next meeting.

VINE

Overton reported VINE continues to have solid feedback with a 50% increase in the number of registrations this year. He noted a pilot court event notification project which was started in Lancaster County has now been turned off.

Overton stated a grant application was submitted to the U.S. Department of Justice for VINE enhancements to improve services. The \$200,000 would expand languages and add the court schedule notification component. An award notice is expected in early 2006.

VINE is used to help integrate jail data to NCJIS. Data is now dumped 4 times a day. The ideal situation would provide readable time data but it is too costly.

It was suggested the Commission remind agencies that VINE materials are available through the NE Domestic Violence Coalition. When the pamphlets are reprinted, information will be added on registering online.

NCJIS

- Overton reported NCJIS training continues to be provided with the next session being offered in Grand Island in December. It is hoped that the training cancelled in Scottsbluff can be rescheduled before the end of the year. Overton noted the training helps staff to understand how the system is used and to identify needed enhancements.

- Benefit and wage information has been added to NCJIS by the Department of Labor. This is beneficial in that it provides current addresses and wages which is helpful in restitution cases.
- Case level data is being tested from the Douglas County District Court to NCJIS. Protection orders and warrants are on NCJIS from the district court. The next goal is to add juvenile court data from Douglas County Juvenile Court.
- Nfocus ward data is live and functioning which provides access to data related to juveniles under 18 years of age who are under the jurisdiction of Health and Human Services.
- A cross link between NCJIS and NeLEIS has been implemented which allows users to access/search data across both systems. This also provides information that other agencies are investigating the same person.
- The Department of Motor Vehicles is working towards real time access to driver history record data sets. Operator license and vehicle title and registration files were dumped weekly. With the access to DMV photos, this provided an opportunity to work for real time access to driver history data base.

The State Patrol's criminal history will do the same when it goes live the first quarter of the year.

- Driver history record and photos are also being accessed by Iowa's Department of Transportation's Fraud Division. To reciprocate, they opened up Iowa's driver photos to Nebraska law enforcement for searches. The Department of Justice is also working on a global spec to share driver photos.
- Other NCJIS Users: An agreement was completed with Wyoming to provide Nebraska's base NCJIS code to open a Wyoming portal. They have contracted with AI. They in turn will share code and feature enhancements.

Nebraska is also partnering with Colorado, Utah, Montana and Wyoming HIDTA to investigate developing a data sharing system for the region.

- Work continues on a juvenile data portal for child advocacy centers and the NE Department of Health and Human Services. NCJIS core data structure was taken to develop the NE Data Exchanger Network (NDEN). There will be some limits on access, they will not have access to full data. Training for child advocacy administrators will be implemented across the state. Training will also be given to the HHS help desk for trainers of their child protective services workers. The NDEN has been developed to meet the security concerns of all expected users.

- The school data model is being completed. Truancy/problem type data will be available from the Omaha Public Schools. Interest has also been expressed by Elkhorn, Sarpy County and Norfolk. The data will not public nor available to everybody.

Community Corrections

With the establishment of the Community Corrections Council, the Crime Commission was charged with the reporting and the analysis of data on alternatives to incarceration and various treatment options. The goal is to do data modeling, data reporting and consistency. The Commission contracted with VERA to build some data extracts with the Department of Corrections, Probation, the State Patrol, and eventually with the courts. The goal is to build a merged data model. Money from fines will be available to the Commission for this project. Multiple uses of the funds are possible to address multiple needs and to make core improvements.

Local Applications:

Corey Cashmere reported on the following local application projects.

SLEUTH (Case records management system for law enforcement) - added installations were completed for the Logan County Sheriffs Office, Perkins County Sheriffs Office, and the Madison Police Department. SLEUTH is working to finalize the e-Citation programing. A pilot program was installed in Madison in March but it did not work. Attempts were made again in August, but again it did not work. The Crime Commission took a more active role in the project at this point. In October there were still some areas needing corrections. Access Data hopes to complete the job the next couple of weeks. Problems still exist - the form has to be correct. Since final payment has not been made, the Commission still has some leverage.

Cashmere noted problems have centered around technical issues with the software. Version #9 will have a major rewrite and will be sequel based. It will not be an automatic update, the update will be costly. The Commission has worked with Access Data since 2000 and wants to continue to work with them.

Case Management System for Prosecutors - Cashmere stated work continues on interfaces between law enforcement and prosecutors. The goal is to incorporate the e-Citation to the local prosecutor system and then transferred to the court side. The case management system is being installed in Keith County next week. Buffalo County and Kearney also want the system. There are still some licenses and training available.

JAMIN - the automated photo dump is now completed on a regular basis. There are still a few agencies with an apparent communication problems or some who have not kept up on their maintenance bills with Text and Data, which affect the update of photos.

EasyStreet Draw - Two hundred agencies are using the accident diagram program at no cost to the agency. The Commission pays the annual maintenance fee and updates are provided annually. The new version provides email notifications of updates.

TraCS/e-Citations - the Nebraska State Patrol's Carrier Enforcement writes 30-40% of their citations through TraCS. The data then moves to the NSP database. The Commission is looking at sequel to sequel replication to be able to post information to NCJIS and provide data to the courts. It will provide real time data on all tickets.

Funds from an impaired drivers grant were used for this e-citation project. The grant period was extended. Contracts have been entered into with 12 agencies. Contracts will be obtained with 20 more agencies.

LaVista, South Sioux City, and Kearney are interested in TraCS. Bids are being accepted to alter the forms to meet their needs. They hope to have LaVista live in a month.

Global JIEM initiatives - The Commission continues to communicate with the technical team to get items into the JIEM tool. There is a need to get the State Patrol to start putting some of their global interfaces into the JIEM tool.

State Patrol

Overton stated an RFP was issued and a letter of intent to award for an AFIS upgrade. They are also working to upgrade the criminal history files. Both projects will need the same data transfer. He noted this is an important time for decisions on the technical and operational level.

Protection Order Registry

Bowmaster reported they are working on the Douglas County District Court. The Patrol hasn't turned on the hot file yet. Overton said \$10,000 from CJIS grants was set aside for the NCIC hot file operations. The grant funds are running out. The issue will be to find money for this project. Need to look at funding strategies.

Juvenile Data Sharing

Schafer reported there had not been much progress or activity on the juvenile plan in the last month.

Bowmaster stated they are working on law enforcement notice by HHS on intake of abuse cases. The project will need to determine how to transfer documents to the NCJIS server so the information is available to law enforcement. Documents are now out of NFOCUS and translated to global. The translator takes the format of the current to global. The next stage is to transfer the document to the NCJIS server. There is a need for the NCJIS global portion.

The project will work with juvenile data, not adult elder abuse.

2006 Annual Technology Conference

Ron Reithmueller and Corey Cashmere reported on the plans for the 7th annual technology conference to be held March 1-2, 2006, at the New World Inn in Columbus. The conference committee has met to discuss agenda and conference details. Plans include 3 pre-conference workshops. One session will be on NCJIS and one session on the NSP annual security presentation. Plans for the third session are still being formulated.

The NE SLEUTH Users Conference will be held February 27-28, 2006. The conference will focus on updates to the systems and training for prosecutors and law enforcement.

Conference announcements will be sent out before the end of November.

Members were asked to provide input on the conference agenda, vendors and possible speakers. The conference will be offered at no cost to attendees again this year. The last two years there have been over 200 registrations. The goal is to draw a broad spectrum of participants.

Other Business

Overton suggested the committee consider how to update the CJIS Strategic Plan. He noted there have been many changes in the agency heads of the state's criminal justice agencies. There is a need to communicate with the new heads and to review goals to develop a shared approach. He also noted changes at the federal level and changes in data sharing options also create a need for an update to the plan.

Adjournment

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 11, 2006 in the NE State Office Building. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara McCreight
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